

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST  
ST. PHILIP NERI SEMINARY SOCIETY

First Sunday of Lent, 2013

Dear Faithful and Friends,

As a young American canon of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, I am happy to report that the years ahead are full of promise for our burgeoning community. Thanks to your prayers and the workings of divine grace, we have more American vocations than ever before. **Of the 80 young men who currently attend Saint Philip Neri Seminary in Gricigliano, Italy, 24 are Americans.** These are the men who will fill our American apostolates in the years to come.

Most of these men, despite their best efforts, are unable to raise sufficient funds to cover the costs of their education. We are deeply grateful for your generosity in the Seminary Collections which are taken up biannually in each apostolate. These funds help to finance the restoration and maintenance of the Seminary buildings. They do not cover any tuition costs. **The American Province of the Institute must cover the monthly tuition which individual American seminarians are unable to pay. This shortfall now amounts to over \$18,000 per month.** With all the expenses associated with maintaining our growing apostolates in the United States, this monthly shortfall is no longer sustainable.

**Unless we obtain more funds to support our seminarians, we will soon find ourselves in the tragic position of being unable to send all of our seminary candidates to Gricigliano.** As we renew our call to the seminarians to spare no effort in finding benefactors for their formation, we turn also to you, dear faithful, and implore you to consider making a monthly or yearly commitment to support our priests of tomorrow. If each of us here in United States pledges at least a modest regular contribution to this initiative, our seminarians' future will be secure, and they will be able to pursue their studies without fear of any interruption due to purely financial concerns.

**Please respond to our appeal today** by submitting the donation card that has been provided for you. You may also donate to the American seminarian fund online at the website listed below or arrange for an automatic withdrawal.

As a son of St. Philip Neri Seminary who now has the joy of serving you in the American Province, I ask you to join me in praying for the success of this urgent initiative. Please be assured of my prayers for you and for your families this Lenten season. May God reward you for your generosity.

Yours in Christ the King,

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